

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

M.S. - Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 6, 2008, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendment and remarks for the Examiner's consideration.